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### FAMILY FUN AWAITS

Join us at Rush Park in Rossmoor, SATURDAY, APRIL 25th from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. & SUNDAY, APRIL 26th from Noon to 7 p.m. for the Annual Family Fun Day Picnic, sponsored by the RHA and co-sponsored by the RCSD.

Be sure to pay the RCSD Booth a visit. Open from Noon to 5 p.m. We will be having lots of great activities and demonstrations. **The ASPCA will be holding a Pet Adoption Booth.** Perhaps you can find it in your heart to give one of these loving creatures a chance (stay tuned for further details). We are very excited to have West Coast Arborist join us this year. Don't miss the surprises they have planned. Also, check out the wealth of informational items which will be available. We want you to stay in the community loop!

**Get ready for a bigger and better than ever event!** There will be wonderful craft booths, tasty food including: DRs BBQ and Taco Surf, besides the essential snacks like mouth-watering funnel cakes, kettle corn and more.



The RHA will be bringing back the pony rides along with extra carnival rides and games for you to enjoy.

**Don't miss the special entertainment planned, like Musique Sur La Mer, Spice and SAS, to name a few.**

Saturday's lineup will feature:

**The Marines**—We salute you! **JFTB Booth**—The Joint Forces Training Base will be there as well. Be sure to stop by and thank our military for their dedicated service.

**O.C. Sheriff**—Showcasing the ever popular Sheriff's Helicopter and Humvee.

Sunday's schedule will include:



**The Dog Parade**—Welcoming all creatures of the canine persuasion, this year's Dog Parade promises to be a must-see event for all.

**The Classic Car Show**—Always a favorite. Come see them shine!



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Rossmoor Park turns thirty this year. **There will be a 30th Anniversary Celebration of the dedication of Rossmoor Park on Sunday, March 22, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** The event will open with a brief ceremony to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the park's dedication on March 24, 1979. Representatives from the Los Alamitos Girls Softball League have also been invited to participate. The celebration will include a Bicycle/Tricycle Contest and Parade immediately following the ceremony. **The contest theme will be "Springtime".** Children ages 3-12 may enter and join the

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brief bicycle/tricycle parade through Rossmoor which follows. **Prizes will be awarded in three age groups: 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. BIKE HELMETS ARE MANDATORY!** Contact the RHA at 562.799.1401 for rules and further information.

-Liz Deering



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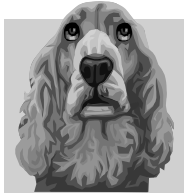
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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- **NEWSPAPER RECYCLING:** Last Saturday of the month at Rossmoor Park
- **YOGA:** Tues/Thurs at Rush Park- Call the Los Altos YMCA at 562.596.3394 for further info.
- **TENNIS LESSONS:** Contact Fernando Molina at 562.-209-3648.
- **STREET SWEEPING:** 1st & 3rd Mondays of each Month. No Street Parking from 8 am-4:30pm.

**LEASH YOUR DOG**  
In Rossmoor's Parks.  
Owners of unleashed  
dogs will be cited.



FOR INFO. ON SO CAL  
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GO TO:

[www.hautedogs.org/offleash.html](http://www.hautedogs.org/offleash.html)

**TREE CONSULTANT**  
**-Randy Reports-**

*California's state  
tree, the Giant  
Redwood, grows  
only on the West  
Coast of America.  
There is no place  
else on earth that  
you will find this  
majestic life form.*



**REMINDER**

No Signs Are Permitted  
On the Parkway



# From Henry's Desk



On page three of this newsletter is a Project Gallery of photos depicting projects underway or recently completed. The District has been busy catching up on deferred capital projects. Capital projects are defined as those whose value or cost exceeds \$5,000 with a shelf life of at least five years. Projects of lesser value or shelf life are usually considered to be normal maintenance.

The reason for the accelerated level of activity is that once the issue of incorporation was settled, there was no longer a compelling need to sequester funds for reconfiguration of the District's current facilities. Our new goal is to update our facilities to better serve the community within the District's area of responsibility. These include such things as ball fields and courts, Tot Lots, community rooms, kitchens and the auditorium.

A typical capital improvement program (CIP) is usually multi-year, even if there may be no funds identified in outer years. This helps to maintain the focus on future needs and to seek funds for those needs.

CIP projects currently underway were discussed as part of the budget adoption cycle in June-August of 2008. Future projects, however, will be discussed ahead of next year's budget cycle with a workshop conducted by the Board of Directors, March 10th of this year. The public is invited to participate while the Board deliberates and prioritizes future projects. It is never too late for the public to provide their ideas. Next year's Preliminary Budget will be discussed by the Board in June & July of 2009. Plan to attend those Board Meetings and be part of our new Capital Improvement Program.

**REMINDER**

Golfing is prohibited  
in all parks



**We'd like to extend a special "Thank you" to Mr. Don Broun for his generous assistance with the Auditorium Stage, Sound & Lighting Project. We really appreciate it!**

## 5 WAYS TO SURVIVE THE ECONOMY

Survival in this economy demands some definite creativity when it comes to your own budget. Here are some ways to start.

**I. Get in shape.** Studies have shown that when you look better, you feel better. Visit Rush Park and utilize the Life Trails Fitness Stations. They're free! If you need motivation, start an informal fitness group with a few friends. Endorphines are contagious.

**II. Play a sport.** We have tennis courts, softball fields, volleyball and basketball courts to choose from. Shoot a few hoops at Rossmoor Park. Tennis lessons are also available through our tennis instructors. You'll get to know people who might even lead you in the direction of that new job you've been looking for.

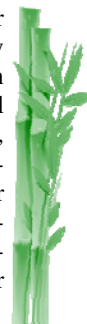
**III. Have a picnic at your local park.** There's just something about a picnic, that always sounds appealing. Make some sandwiches just the way you like them, gather some healthy snacks like fruit, nuts and pretzels. Let the kids help.

**III. Take a stroll along the beach.** Being surrounded by miles of coastline is a gift; take advantage of it! There are bike trails, hiking trails and nature walks available in surrounding communities. Volunteer for a beach cleanup and help preserve this natural wonder for future generations.

**IV. Throw all loose change in a jar.** This is a fun and easy way to teach your children about the value of money. The younger ones can learn to count and identify coins too. Children love to handle money and

there's no better time to get them accustomed to learning how to manage their own. When you've saved a good amount, you and your children can take it to a bank and open a kids savings account or educational fund. Of course, let them spend a portion of the money on something special, like a family outing.

**V. Join us for Movies in the Park.** Nothing compares to watching a great movie under the stars with the ones you love. Join us this summer for some wonderful family films shown outdoors on the big screen. There will be low-cost beverages, snacks and popcorn available. Stay tuned for further details which will be available in an upcoming newsletter as well as on our website. *-Liz Deering*



# project gallery



Auditorium Sound  
& Lighting Project  
Installation: February 2009



Rush Park Auditorium New HVAC Installation:  
January 2009



Rush Park  
Field 1  
Replacement  
Project



Rossmoor Park Community Center



New Canopy

New Snack Shack Sign

## SKATEBOARDS PROHIBITED

RCSD Staff have been dealing with the ongoing problem of skateboarders in our parks. While we understand that skateboards are very appealing to kids, please be advised that skateboards are not allowed in Rossmoor Parks. Here are just a few of the many reasons:



- Skateboarding is dangerous and most of the youth we see riding skateboards are not dressed in the appropriate safety gear.
- Skateboard speeds can be unpredictable.
- Skateboards damage property: i.e. chipped asphalt, scraped railings, walls, etc. and runaway skateboards frequently hit cars.
- Skateboarding in a parking lot is an accident waiting to happen.
- Skateboarders are rarely accompanied by their parents and frequently become uncooperative with staff members when asked to cease their activity.
- Skateboarding is disruptive to fellow park patrons and office personnel.
- Skateboarders can and will be cited for violating this policy.

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

## FACILITY NEWS

**Jo Rappleye, our General Clerk,** does a great job of handling the facility rentals for a variety of events as well as renting out our various sports fields and courts. As you can see from the photo she also helps rescue wild birds that occasionally fly into the office.



We have recently added our Field and Court Rental Brochure to the website in addition to our existing Facility Rental Brochure which will be updated in the near future to reflect recent changes.

For example, we have a set number of tables and chairs dedicated to each facility which are available for use during your paid rental period. The Auditorium is being improved with a new stage, sound, lighting, heating and air conditioning installations, paint and storage solutions.

Rossmoor Park has a wonderful new canopy designed by architect **Rick Conklin, of the Conklin Group.** Now the building looks terrific and will continue to serve the community for years to come. There is also a colorful new Snack Shack sign. **More improvements are being forecast and we hope you will be a part of the Special Study Session, Tuesday, March 10th at 6:00 p.m.** so that you may submit your own ideas for capital improvements.



Am I not  
destroying  
my enemies  
when I make  
friends of  
them?

**ABRAHAM  
-LINCOLN-**

**BOARD MEETINGS :** 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Rush Park Auditorium. Also aired on LATV3. Agenda is published on the RCSD Website and copies of these and other public records are available upon request.

## Quarterly Quote...

*“If we mean to  
have heroes,  
statesmen and  
philosophers,  
we should  
have learned  
women.”*

**-Abigail Adams-**







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**greenthoughts**  
A message of hope for our planet

At a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture on January 4, 1872, J. Sterling Morton first proposed a tree-planting holiday to be known as "Arbor Day". The date was set for April 10, 1872. Counties and individuals were offered prizes for properly planting the largest number of trees on that day. On the first Arbor Day it was estimated that more than one million trees were planted in Nebraska.

Arbor Day was officially proclaimed by Nebraska's Governor Robert W. Furnas on March 12, 1874, and the day itself was observed April 10, 1874. In 1885, Arbor Day was named a legal holiday in Nebraska and April 22, Morton's birthday, was selected as the date for its permanent observance.

***Remember: It is illegal to prune, damage or remove a parkway or median street tree. Call the RCSD Office at 562.430.3707 to speak with our Tree Consultant, Randy Reynolds, on any matter concerning these trees.***